

WHEN MARQUARD SIGNED TO PITCH FOR N. Y.



Rube Marquard, the highest salaried pitcher in baseball, signing his contract with the New York Giants. At Marquard's left is his bride of a few hours, Blossom Seeley. At the extreme left is Dick Kinsella, Giants' scout, who brought about the deal. The others, left to right, are: Burt Snow and Mr. and Mrs. McCullen, friends of the Rube.

San Francisco, Cal., March 25.—Starving to death is the least of Rube Marquard's troubles. Rube's been dragging several hundred, or maybe its several thousand dollars, a week from the coffers of a theatrical syndicate. Then along came Mr. John J. McGraw, otherwise known as "Muggsy," and on his bended knee pleading with the elongated twirler to please, PLEASE come back and pitch for the New York Giants this season.

Rube dropped his ear to the level of the mouth of Muggsy's agent, who whispered something about dollars.

Rube grabbed a pen before the agent changed his mind and set his "John Henry" to the bottom of a contract.

"How much you gettin' Rube?" asked a youthful pencil-pusher. Rube looked at him a minute and then answers:

"Huh?"

"Gettin' more than you did on the stage?" persisted the scribe.

"Say, you've got your nerve with you," retorted Rube.

"How much were you gettin' on the stage?" insisted the ink slinger.

"None of your d— business,"